

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of August 3, 2004. The due date for response extends to November 3, 2004.

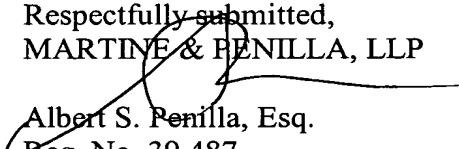
Claims 1, 5-8 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e), as being anticipated by Hadad et al. (Hadad). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Although the Applicant believes that his invention is patentable over Hadad, the Office has indicated that claims 2-4, 9-12 and 18-26 were considered to be allowable. Accordingly, while reserving the right to file continuations seeking broader protection, the Applicants have amended the claims to expedite the allowance of the currently allowed subject matter. As such, claim 1 was amended to incorporate independent claim 2, and claim 8 was amended to incorporate claim 9.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The values "A", "S", "T", and "k" are defined in the specification, and the claims use the terms as defined in the specification. One skilled in the art will not be confused as to the meaning of each of these terms, as each term is clearly and explicitly defined in the specification and used in the claims in the same manner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No SUNMP550). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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